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SUBJECT: SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

REF: MAINLAND/MC CAVITT LETTER AUGUST 1

1. MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 1 BETWEEN BRIAN KIRKPATRICK
AF/W, LOUISE HILLSON AFR/SFWA, MARTIN MC CAVITT, HEW,
DR. RICK HEBER, TO DISCUSS STATUS US ASSISTANCE SCHOOL
FOR THE DEAF. FOLLOWING ISSUES DISCUSSED.
2. SELF-HELP. SELF-HELP AGREEMENT NEVER RECEIVED.
PLEASE POUCH ADDITIONAL COPIES KIRKPATRICK AND HILLSON.
CONFIRM THAT SYLIS REFERRED TO ARE GUINEAN-OWNED SYLIS.

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3. CONSTRUCTION. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS PLANNED CONSTRUCTION
NEW FACILITY. IF EMBASSY/GOG DESIRE, HEBER CAN
SEND SIMPLE SPECIFICATIONS FOR BUILDING, WITH UNDERSTANDING
THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS AND THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR BUILDING
LIES WITH GUINEANS.
4. EQUIPMENT. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF GUINEAN PROCUREMENT

MENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL. HEBER HAS AVAILABLE PORTABLE SOUND CHAMBER WHICH COULD BE USED FOR SCHOOL. AID/STATE EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF HOW IT MIGHT BE SENT TO GUINEA. WILL ADVISE.

5. U.S. PERSONNEL. FEEL MOST IMPORTANT NEXT STEP IS TO FUND U.S. DEAFNESS SPECIALIST TO GO TO GUINEA FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO WORK WITH GUINEANS AT SCHOOL. HEBER/HEW LOOKING FOR SUCH PERSON. HEW ALSO INVESTIGATING FUNDING POSSIBILITIES. IN ORDER ASCERTAIN WHAT DOLLAR FUNDING REQUIRED, NECESSARY KNOW MAXIMUM THAT CAN BE PROVIDED IN SYLIS AND/OR IN KIND SUPPORT (I.E., HOUSING, TRANSPORT, FOOD). PLEASE ADVISE.

6. GUINEAN PERSONNEL. WHILE FEEL MAIN PRIORITY IS SENDING U.S. SPECIALIST TO GUINEA, WILL CONSIDER SENDING ONE OR MORE GUINEANS TO U.S., PERHAPS UNDER IVP.

7. HEW COUNTERPART FUNDING. HEW CONCERNED THAT BUDGET SHOWN IS FOR ONE YEAR ONLY AND COMES CLOSE TO \$50,000 EQUIVALENT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO HEW/RSA FOR GUINEA. (FYI: HEW SUGGESTS \$50,000 BUDGET BE FOR TWO TO THREE YEARS BOTH DUE TO CURRENT FUNDING CONSTRAINTS AND FACT THAT UNLIKELY THAT ACTIVITIES CITED IN BUDGET WILL BE ABLE TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING FIRST YEAR. MORE FUNDS MAY BE ADDED TO BUDGET IN FUTURE YEARS, IF AVAILABLE, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT THIS NOT DEFINITE AT THIS TIME. END FYI.) INVITE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS RECOMMENDATION, INCLUDING ANY SUGGESTIONS ON OTHER SOURCES LOCAL CURRENCY, IF NEEDED.

HEW NOW PREPARING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO BE SENT TO EMBASSY/GOG FOR SIGNATURE.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE EMBASSY VIEWS ON ABOVE.

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